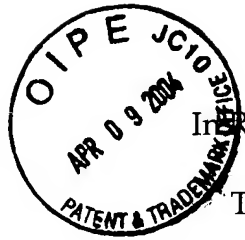## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicants note that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patents and Patent Applications:

(1)   U.S. Patent Application No. 10/247,896, filed September 20, 2002, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND IMAGE READING METHOD;"

(2)   U.S. Patent Application No. 10/272,857, filed October 18, 2002, entitled "ENCODER AND ENCODING METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC WATERMARK, DECODER AND DECODING METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC WATERMARK, ENCODING AND DECODING PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONIC WATERMARK, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING SUCH PROGRAM;

(3)   U.S. Patent Application No. 10/230,090, filed August 29, 2002, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE FORMING AN IMAGE OF STORED IMAGE DATA TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ACCORDING TO AN IMAGE FORMATION COUNT;"

(4)   U.S. Patent Application No. 10/153,654, filed May 24, 2002, entitled, "IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIUM;"

(5)   U.S. Patent Application No. 09/945,840, filed September 5, 2001, entitled "IMAGE ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-EXECUTABLE PROGRAMS;"

(6)   U.S. Patent Application No. 09/745,545, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "VERIFICATION DATA ENCODING METHOD, ORIGINAL IMAGE VERIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM;"

(7)   U.S. Patent Application No. 09/664,832, filed September 19, 2000;"

(8)   U.S. Patent Application No. 09/565,545, filed May 5, 2000, entitled "CODING APPARATUS, DECODING APPARATUS, CODING METHOD, DECODING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM FOR EXECUTING THE METHODS;"

(9)   U.S. Patent Application No. 10/308,117, filed December 3, 2002, entitled "IMAGE DATA CODING APPARATUS;"

(10)   U.S. Patent No. 6,507,674, issued January 14, 2003, entitled "IMAGE DATA CODING APPARATUS;"

(11)   U.S. Patent No. 6,519,052, issued February 11, 2003, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS TO SELECT A DATA COMPRESSION METHOD ACCORDING TO A SIZE OF AN OUTPUT IMAGE;"

(12) U.S. Patent No. 6,580,804, issued June 17, 2003, entitled "PIXEL-BASED DIGITAL WATERMARKS LOCATED NEAR EDGES OF AN IMAGE;"

(13) U.S. Patent No. 6,556,707, issued April 29, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING FOR PERFORMING A COLOR CONVERSION;"

(14) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/270,199, filed October 15, 2002, entitled "COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD;"

(15) U.S. Patent No. 6,480,623, issued November 12, 2002, entitled "COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD;"

(16) U.S. Patent No. 6,066,978, issued May 23, 2000, entitled "PARTIAL PRODUCT GENERATING CIRCUIT;"

(17) U.S. Patent No. 6,353,840, issued March 5, 2002, entitled "USER-DEFINED SEARCH TEMPLATE FOR EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM DOCUMENTS;"

(18) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/423,911, filed April 28, 2003, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR COMPRESSING IMAGE DATA INCLUDING BINARY IMAGE DATA AND CONTINUOUS TONE IMAGE DATA BY A SUB-BAND TRANSFORM METHOD WITH A HIGH-COMPRESSION RATE;"

(19) U.S. Patent Application No. 02-175,838, filed June 21, 2002, now abandoned.

(20) U.S. Patent No. 6,603,884, issued August 5, 2003, entitled "IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR COMPRESSING IMAGE DATA INCLUDING BINARY IMAGE DATA AND CONTINUOUS TONE IMAGE DATA BY A SUB-BAND TRANSFORM METHOD WITH A HIGH-COMPRESSION RATE;"
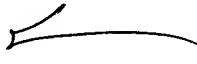
(21) U.S. Patent No. 6,459,816, issued October 1, 2002, entitled "IMAGE

PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR COMPRESSING IMAGE DATA

INCLUDING BINARY IMAGE DATA AND CONTINUOUS TONE

IMAGE DATA BY A SUB-BAND TRANSFORM METHOD WITH A

HIGH-COMPRESSION RATE;"

(22) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/085,714, filed May 28, 1998;

(23) U.S. Patent No. 6,289,121, issued September 11, 2001, entitled "METHOD

AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY INPUTTING TEXT IMAGE;"

(24) U.S. Patent No. 5,923,828, issued July 13, 1999, entitled "IMAGE

FORMING APPARATUS WHICH FORMS AN IMAGE BASED ON BIT

MAP DATA;" and

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